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SUBJECT: FURTHER LEFTIST AND FEDAYEEN REACTION TO ME CEASE-FIRE

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SUMMARY: THERE IS INCREASE IN MOMENTUM OF LEFTIST/FEDAYEEN
PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS ABOUT CEASE-
FIRE, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL LEFTIST PAPERS DO NOT ATTACK IT
DIECTLY. ATTACKS ON USG ROLE AND US INTERESTS ARE
INTERTWINED WITH CALLS FOR LIBERATION OF OCCUPIED ARAB
LANDS, RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN LAND AND GLORIFICATION OF ROLE OF
FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT. DEPUTY KAMAL JAMBLATT,
WHO WAS VISITED BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR, SEEMS TO BE THE
LEADING FIGURE BEHIND LEFTIST/FEDAYEEN FEVERISH ACTIVITIES
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AND STATEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. LEBANESE COMMUNIST PARTY ISSUED ANOTHER STATEMENT OCT 23 CALLING FOR CONTINUED MOBILIZATION OF ARAB RESOURCES TO FORCE ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS AND TO GUARANTEE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. LCP STATEMENT ADVOCATED STRONG SUPPORT FOR FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT, URGED ESCALATION OF BATTLE AGAINST US INTERESTS, AND CASTIGATED THOSE WHO DOUBTED INTENTIONS OF USSR OR ROLE IT HAS PLAYED ON BEHALF OF ARAB CAUSE.

2. IN OCT 23 MEETING, HEADED BY JUMBLATT, ARAB FRONT FOR SUPPORT OF PALESTINE RESISTANCE PRAISED ACTIVE ROLE OF PALESTINIAN FIGHTERS AND COMMANDO MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL. IT STRESSED THAT FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT EMBODIES WILL OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND LIBERATION OF THEIR LAND. FRONT ENDORSED PLO STATEMENT REJECTING CEASE-FIRE AND DISASSOCIATING

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FROM RESOLUTION 242 (REFTEL), AND CALLED ON ARABS TO SUPPORT FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT AND OPPOSE THOSE WHO WANT TO ISOLATE IT. PDFLP ALSO ISSUED STATEMENT THAT STRUGGLE SHOULD BE CONTINUED UNTIL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES LIBERATED AND RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR PALESTINIANS ESTABLISHED.

3. EDITORIAL IN AL-MUHARRIR, TITLED "AMERICAN ILLUSION", EXEMPLIFIES HOW LEFTIST PROPAGANDA TRYING TO MIX US AND ISRAEL TOGETHER. WRITER BEGINS BY SAYING "AGAIN WE STRESS THAT OUR WAR TODAY IS NOT WITH ISRAEL BUT WITH USA WITH ALL ITS POWER AND WITH ALL THE MODERN WEAPONS IN ITS POSSESSION." AFTER CASTIGATING US FOR SUPPORTING ISRAEL, WRITER CONCLUDES "AS THE HEROIC VIETNAMESE PEOPLE DEFEATED THE US...ARABS, WHO DEFEATED ISRAEL IN LESS THAN 15 DAYS, KNOW HOW TO DEFEAT US WITH HELP OF AFRO-ASIAN PEOPLE, SOVIETS, CHINESE AND FREE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE."

4. COMMENT: IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT EVEN PRO-FEDAYEEN AL-MUHARRIR DOES NOT DIRECTLY ATTACK CEASE-FIRE NOR DOES LCP ORGAN AN NIDA, WHICH IS LESS CRITICAL ON THIS POINT THAN OCT 23 (REFTEL). LEFTIST PRESS APPEARS ENGAGED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTRIGUING DOUBLE PLAY. THEY DO NOT ATTACK CEASE-FIRE DIRECTLY BUT GLORIFY THOSE WHO HAVE REJECTED IT. EVEN FEDAYEEN HAVE JOINED LEFTISTS IN CALLING FOR CONTINUATION OF "STRUGGLES" RATHER THAN "WAR", THEREBY ALLOWING ROOM FOR MANEUVER IN MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH THOSE ARAB GOVTS WHO HAVE ACCEPTED CEASE-FIRE.

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